

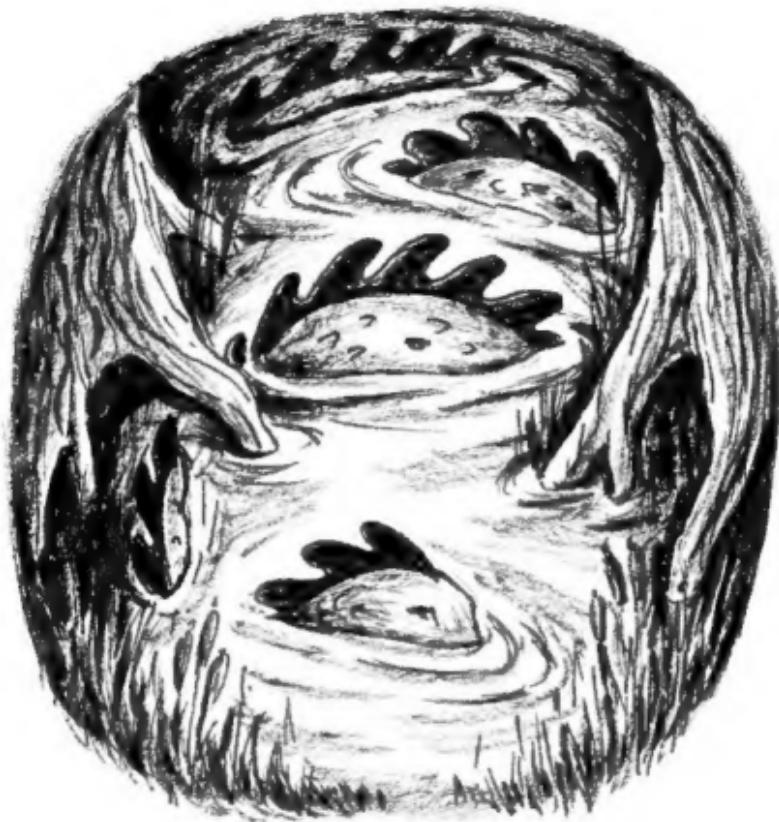
The
**SWAMP
CREATURE**

Few dare take passage
through the swamp at night.



Among the
tangled brush...

... an unseen
creature splashes
in the darkness.



The townsfolk speak of
a beast that lurks below the
murky water, roots, and reeds,
wrecking havoc without
evidence or witness.





with teeth
like pointed
daggers



grasping
claws



and scaly
wriggling
coils



It terrorizes those who work
on the river. Capsizing boats
and stealing the catch right
out of fishermen's nets.



And for those
foolish enough
to live among
the twisted
mangrove trees

They can be sure
the monster is watching
just out of sight
in the shadows.



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Featuring Edwin and "the monster"



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